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Businesses build and expand in City



A new McDonald's is under construction at the former site of Talegator's.

Businesses are building around the City. New businesses are under construction up and down Main Street. The former KFC will be demolished to make room for the Shops at North Village. Three food-service businesses will occupy one building at the corner of Far Hills Avenue and North Village Drive, including a sandwich shop, coffee shop and frozen dessert shop. A few doors down, Talegator's has been bulldozed to make room for a new McDonald's, featuring two drive-thru areas. On South Main Street, a Dunkin Donuts will offer signature coffee and sweet treats, located on the newly annexed property on the southeast corner of East Spring Valley Road and St. Route 48. *Businesses continued on page 3.*

Looking back to 1983

Centerville elects its first woman mayor



Shirley Heintz

Shirley Heintz is a trailblazer. It's been thirty years since she successfully ran for Mayor—making Centerville history as its first woman to lead Council. This mother of six says her membership in the League of Women Voters sparked an interest in running for local office. She was wrapping up her first term as a Centerville Council member when she learned that Mayor JV Stone would not be seeking re-election. Mrs. Heintz decided to throw her hat into the ring. "It was 1983, and still unusual for a woman to run for political office," she says, "but I was interested and decided to go

for it." Elected in November 1983, Mrs. Heintz would serve three terms as Mayor before stepping down in 1996.

Saying there should be a balance between basic services and enrichment, Mayor Heintz led the City during an incredibly productive time, 1984-1996, when three major developments came to fruition: Council was working on plans for a municipal golf course, a resident had approached the City about purchasing her family's land in the heart of Centerville, and Stubbs Park was set for a major improvement. These projects are now known as The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Benham's Grove and the amphitheater at Stubbs Park. Along with these new amenities, *Heintz continued on page 3.*

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WITH GRATITUDE AND HONOR,
THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE
PROUDLY SALUTES
ALL THOSE WHO HAVE
PROTECTED AND SERVED.

City residents receive maximum value for their dollars

Centerville has one of the lowest tax rates

Uncertain economic times force all of us to take a hard look at our finances and how we spend our money. Centerville residents can be assured that their Council is looking out for their best interests—just as it has been for more than 40 years.

In a recent survey of surrounding cities, Centerville not only had one of the lowest income tax rates at 1.75%, but the annual budget also allows for sidewalk, curb, gutter, and street lighting to be upgraded and improved at no additional cost to the property owner.

As many communities increase income tax rates, Centerville's rate remains at 1.75%, the same level which became effective in 1981, upon voter approval.

Centerville offers low taxes, quality services and outstanding fiscal management; in short, residents are getting a lot of bang for their buck. For more information visit centervilleohio.gov, Quick Links, Financial Report/Summary.

INCOME TAX RATE FOR MONTGOMERY CO. MUNICIPALITIES

Oakwood	2.50%	Centerville	1.75%
Dayton	2.25%	Brookville	1.75%
Kettering	2.25%	Englewood	1.75%
Miamisburg	2.25%	Clayton	1.50%
Trotwood	2.25%	Riverside*	1.50%
West Carrollton	2.25%	Germantown*	1.25%
Huber Heights	2.00%	Farmersville*	1.00%
Moraine	2.00%	New Lebanon*	1.00%
Vandalia	2.00%	Union	1.00%

**32ND
CONSECUTIVE
YEAR WITH
NO INCREASE
IN RATE**

*Municipalities that do not offer full reciprocity.

Five citizens to run for three council seats

Five Centerville residents will be vying for three Council seats on Election Day, November 5. Kim Birdseye, Joy Brush, John Palcher and Joanne Rau join incumbent Brooks Compton on the ballot.

Council members are elected at-large and serve a four-year term. The three candidates with the highest number of votes will join Council members John Beals, Belinda Kenley and Paul Gresham, along with Mayor Mark Kingseed.

Two longtime council members Doug Cline and Jim Singer, have decided not to seek another term. Mr. Cline, first appointed in 1998, has been elected three times since 2001. Council member Singer, the Dayton area's longest serving elected official with 36 years, said he enjoyed his service but was ready to pass the torch. Look for more on both outgoing council members in our Winter issue.

Welcome to these businesses new to Centerville

Total Source, 80 Westpark Road

Buckeye Improvements, 96-C Westpark Road

Just Sleep, 2600 E. Whipp Road

Wilhelm Automotive, 38 Compark Road

First American, 6199 Wilmington Pike

A Better Insurance Agency, 6330 Far Hills Avenue

AGR Field Services, 51-B South Main Street



The CALEA on-site appraisers meet with the Centerville accreditation staff: Centerville Capt. Mark Casey, Centerville Chief Bruce Robertson, Sgt. Lawrence Pincsak of the Glendale Heights, Ill., Police Department, retired Chief Jack O'Donnell of Omaha, Neb., Centerville Accreditation Manager Christine Smart and Centerville Lt. Matt Brown.

Centerville Police earn advanced accreditation honors

The Centerville Police Department has attained advanced-accredited status from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The accreditation on-site visit, which took place in April, included a thorough review of standards and procedures, observation of Department practices and interviews of citizens, school representatives, local business leaders and Department employees. Following his visit, the CALEA team leader, retired Police Chief Jack O'Donnell of Omaha, Nebraska, noted that in all the years of his assessor experience, Centerville was the first agency to have met 100 percent of other-than-mandatory standards.

The final step of the process took place in late July during the CALEA Conference in Columbus when Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson and Accreditation Manager Christine Smart appeared for a hearing in front of the Commission. Citing the Centerville Police Department's commitment to excellence and professionalism, the 21-member Commission voted unanimously for re-accreditation. Commissioners pointed to several factors that led to the advanced-accredited status including the Department's 94 percent approval rating from citizens and its monthly citizen surveys, both of which far exceed CALEA requirements. During his remarks, Commissioner Anthony Purcell commended the Department for its professional attitude toward those it serves and its approach to bias-based profiling issues. Calling it noteworthy that a bachelor's degree is required for newly hired officers, Purcell said the education requirement promotes professionalism within law enforcement. Commissioner Ray Johnson added that the Coffee-with-a-Cop program was one that he will likely adopt for his agency in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Chief Robertson and Ms. Smart accepted the award on behalf of the Department. It marks the eighth consecutive time the Centerville Police Department has been successful in its bid for accreditation, which is valid for three years. "This award confirms that our Police Department continues to exceed the standards set forth by an international law enforcement organization," said Centerville City Manager Greg Horn. "We have a professional Department committed to protecting and serving our citizens. The Centerville Police Department continues to demonstrate excellence in management and service delivery."

Over 1,000 public-safety agencies worldwide, 73 of which are located in Ohio, are enrolled in some stage of the CALEA process.



Centerville first local city to offer electric-vehicle charging stations

Centerville has two public “level two” electric-vehicle charging stations: one at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 West Spring Valley Road, and another in the downtown public parking area, off of West Franklin Street. While charge times vary, level two stations can fully charge a battery in as little as four hours. There is an introductory fee of 50¢ per hour and both stations accept credit cards. Each charging unit can accommodate one vehicle and customers can choose the length of charge time. The stations are available 24 hours a day. Signs directing motorists to the two locations are posted on West Spring Valley Road, West Franklin and North Main streets.

(Businesses continued from page 1) The City’s Planning Office is expecting development plans to be submitted soon for the property at Sheehan and Social Row, to be developed by Walt Minch.

The development on North Main Street proposed to be the site of Dewey’s Pizza is still in progress. The house north of Town Hall was razed in June, however, Dewey’s has not yet reached an agreement with neighboring property owners on access or additional parking agreements.

The final development plan for Voss Chevrolet’s new inventory lot on Loop Road was approved with conditions by City Council in August.

Oberer Companies, developers of Cornerstone of Centerville, is also preparing plans for City review. The property set to be developed along Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road received Council’s approval in May. Construction may begin as early as next spring. Potential tenants for the mixed-use development have yet to be named.



Andrew Rodney

City appoints new staff member

Centerville City Manager Greg Horn recently announced the addition of Andrew Rodney to the City’s management team. Mr. Rodney has been hired to work alongside Steve Feverston, City Planner, who has announced his retirement as of January 8, 2014. Mr. Rodney will officially assume the City Planner position at that time. Mr. Rodney’s duties include reviewing applications for development and redevelopment, interpreting the City’s land use ordinances and providing technical assistance and expertise to the City’s Planning Commission and Board of Architectural Review.

Prior to his position in Centerville, for the past four years Mr. Rodney served as a principal planner with the City of Dayton. A member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, he holds a BA in Geography, minoring in Urban Studies and Planning, from Kent State University and earned a master’s degree in Public Administration from Wright State University. He has also served as a regional planner with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

(Heintz continued from page 1) the City was also sprucing up the downtown area, creating a property review board and increasing its recycling program. New neighborhoods like Nestle Creek, Cheltenham, Yankee Trace and Deer Run were developing all over town. “It really was extraordinary when I look back on it,” she says of the projects. “But we all worked together to make those enhancements happen.”

Her contributions are visible throughout the city. Council worked for many years to re-create the look of historic Centerville in the downtown area. She suggested planting Bradford pear trees in the Architectural Preservation District to enrich the area’s charm. Another amenity that gives Centerville a distinctive look is the bus stops—another Heintz idea. When presented with the original design, she asked for one that not only provided shelter but was also unique to Centerville. Our city’s signature gazebo bus stops soon appeared along RTA routes.

One unusual duty she had was joining couples in marriage. As a Mayor in the state of Ohio she had the authority to perform civil wedding ceremonies and estimates she presided over about 50 each year, held in Council Chambers.

The Cincinnati native and her husband Paul, moved to Centerville in 1960, eventually settling in the Pleasant Hill

neighborhood. They remained in that home, raising their six children until moving to Yankee Trace in 1997. She now spends time visiting her children, two of whom live on the east coast, two on the west coast, and two in the Dayton-Cincinnati area. The Heintzes, married 59 years, also have eight grandchildren. She and Paul like attending concerts at Stubbs Park and especially enjoyed the pre-Fourth of July event. “It’s really a slice of America,” she says of the patriotic concert. An enthusiastic supporter of the library, parks and Hithergreen Center, she reaffirms that the balance of service and amenities Centerville offers makes this community a wonderful place to live.

She reflects fondly on the development of Yankee Trace and says it has developed “far beyond what we had anticipated.” Citing the 900 homes, clubhouse and golf course, she calls Yankee Trace an anchor for future development around Social Row and Yankee Street.

Looking back on her tenure, Mrs. Heintz says she’s proud of all that was accomplished while she served as Centerville Mayor. “It’s a collaborative effort, with council and staff working together to get things done,” she says. “Centerville offers a wonderful quality of life

for everyone—whether you want to raise your family or retire here. We have been fortunate enough to do both.”



A brochure for then candidate Shirley Heintz showcased her experience.



June Community Pride winner,
Aaron Nutt Cottage



This yard on White Birch was
a June residential winner.

Landscaping awards announced

Homeowners throughout Centerville keep their landscaping in tip top condition. Rain and partial sunny days in the early part of the growing season helped keep lawns lush and flowers healthy. Community Pride awards were expanded to include not only businesses but also entrances to churches, condos and apartment complexes and homeowner associations performing their own landscape work. Congratulations to these residents and business owners receiving beautification awards, selected by the City Beautiful Commission.

JUNE

AWARD-WINNING LANDSCAPES

Steve & Jiniffer Harbour
2510 Hingham Lane

Hank & Jane McElderry
6220 Brentshire Court

Bob & Jan Pangburn
1325 Brainard Woods Drive

Jack Curtis
110 White Birch Road

Susan & Joe Medsker
7256 Fallenoak Trace

Ted & Jan Frederick
430 Island Lake Court

Kevin & Debbie Round
1599 Olde Haley Drive

Community Pride Awards:

Ashton Glen Apartments
506 Stonington Circle

Aaron Nutt Cottage
79 North Main Street

JULY

AWARD-WINNING LANDSCAPES

Rick & Marcia Heben
6509 Atterbury Court

Roger & Brenda Ferry
871 Hyde Park Drive

Lonnie & Deborah Holloway
7511 James Bradford Drive

Howard & Dorothy Hensley
148 E. Franklin Street

Greg & Amy Foley
440 Cedarleaf Drive

Jack & Charlotte McCarthy
9710 Pawnee Pass

Greg & Judy Mescher
790 Yankee Trace Drive

Community Pride Awards:

Albrecht Custom Homes
63 Compark Road

Superior Dental
6683 Centerville Business Pky.

Leaf collection to begin soon

Service offered Oct. 7-Dec. 2

The City's leaf collection service begins October 7 when Public Works crews pick up leaves that residents have raked to the curb. The City is divided into seven collection areas, with leaves scheduled to be collected four times from each area.

This program is provided to all residents who live adjacent to a public roadway within Centerville and is a separate service from waste collection. Funding for the leaf collection program comes from the Public Works Streets' Operating Budget.

After collection, leaves are transported to one of several private vendors where they are turned into compost material, which is natural recycling. Crews will be out in full force during leaf pickup along with three refuse trucks with leaf loaders and two vac trucks with leaf boxes. See page 5 for the collection schedule and map.

Residents should use the following guidelines:

- Do not bag leaves. Bags won't be picked up by the leaf collection crews. Bagged leaves will only be collected as a special pickup and charged accordingly.
- Do not rake ANYTHING except leaves to the curb for pickup. Branches, sticks, grass, and other yard waste clog machinery and throw the crews off schedule. Leaf piles containing branches, grass, etc. will not be collected.
- Rake leaves into a row at the curb or edge of pavement, not into the street where they block traffic and storm water flow. Leaves are not collected from private streets or other non-public areas.
- Rake leaves to the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled—check the map. Depending on weather, equipment problems and volume of leaves, crews may be running two days early or two days late.
- All areas are serviced FOUR times. Every effort will be made to come back and collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.
- Leaves raked for collection after the last scheduled day will be collected from the curb areas only on a special pickup basis and charged accordingly.
- Children should NEVER play in piles of leaves raked along the roadway. Crews cannot see your child—and neither can motorists.

Call the Public Works Center, 428-4782, or email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov for more information.

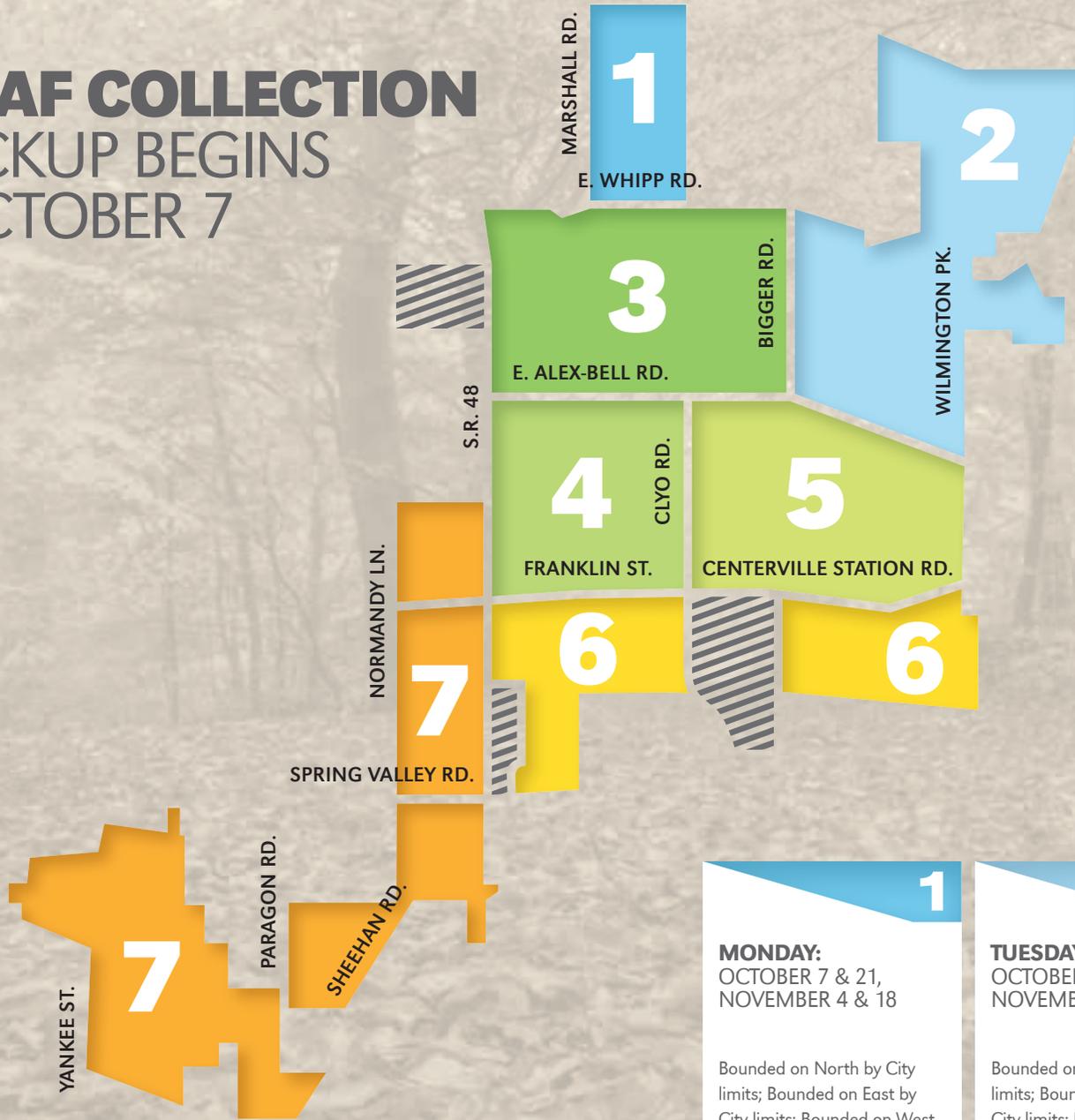
City hit hard by ash borer

Over the past few years, wet springs, drought and disease—specifically emerald ash borer—have caused trees throughout the City to die and decay, looking not only unsightly, but also creating a dangerous situation as limbs may fall, injuring persons or property. The City has been aggressive in combatting emerald ash borer (EAB), in both treating afflicted trees and removing them. Public Works has removed more than 500 of the 1,169 ash trees from Stubbs Park, while The Golf Club at Yankee Trace maintenance crews have removed 60 ash trees so far this year, with another 100 to be taken out in the next several months. The ash trees are being replaced with a variety of trees including maple, oak, sweetgum, elm and locust. More than 250 trees have already been planted at Stubbs

Park. There are almost 50 ash trees located within the City that are being treated for EAB, and responding well. However, it is expected that all ash trees will eventually succumb to the disease. The City will continue to monitor and remove ash trees, along with any other trees that are dead, as needed.

Property owners are also responsible to remove dead trees. Centerville Property Maintenance Code Section 302.16 requires all trees which are dead, afflicted with decay, disease or otherwise considered dangerous to persons or property be removed or appropriately treated. Contact a certified arborist to examine your trees for any infestation. If a dead tree falls on your house, your insurance company may not pay the claim. Trees may be a part of the required landscape plan for your business, apartment or condo association. Contact the Planning Office, 433-7151 to review your plan.

LEAF COLLECTION PICKUP BEGINS OCTOBER 7



THURSDAY, OCT. 17 & 31; NOVEMBER 14
Pickup missed areas and make schedule adjustments

 PRIVATE DRIVE
NO COLLECTION

1

MONDAY:
OCTOBER 7 & 21,
NOVEMBER 4 & 18

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Marshall Rd.; Bounded on South by Whipp Rd.

2

TUESDAY:
OCTOBER 8 & 22,
NOVEMBER 5 & 19

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by City limits and Bigger Rd.; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

3

WEDNESDAY:
OCTOBER 9 & 23,
NOVEMBER 6 & 20

Bounded on North by Whipp Rd. and Hewitt Ave.; Bounded on East by Bigger Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

4

THURSDAY:
OCTOBER 10 & 24,
NOVEMBER 7 & 21

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Franklin St.

5

MONDAY:
OCTOBER 14 & 28,
NOVEMBER 11 & 25

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on South by Centerville Station Rd.

6

TUESDAY:
OCTOBER 15 & 29,
NOVEMBER 12 & 26

Bounded on North by E. Franklin St. and Centerville Station Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Main St.; Bounded on South by Spring Valley Rd. and City limits.

7

WEDNESDAY:
OCT. 16 & 30, NOV. 13
MONDAY:
DECEMBER 2

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by Main St.; Bounded on West by City limits; Bounded on South by Sheehan Rd. and City limits; Yankee Trace residential areas.

Yankee Trace Restaurant serves up delicious dishes

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family with a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a friendly atmosphere. And, with Thanksgiving just a couple months away, your family dinner plans are only a reservation away. For more information, call 438-3585 or visit yankeetrace.org.



YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT HOURS

SEPTEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 31

MONDAY – SATURDAY: 11 AM–2 PM

SUNDAY BRUNCH: 10 AM–2 PM

COUNTER SERVICE ONLY AFTER 2 PM

FRIDAYS FISH FRY AND FULL DINNER SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 13 – NOVEMBER 22

EVERY FRIDAY: 5–9 PM

Enjoy all you can eat beer-battered Haddock along with French fries and Yankee Trace's famous coleslaw for \$12.95. Full menu also available. Reservations recommended, call 438-3585.

THANKSGIVING BUFFET: THURSDAY, NOV. 28

Two seatings: 11:30 am and 2 pm
\$25.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 6–12, children five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

City compiling list of groups to help the homebound

The City of Centerville is again compiling a list of individuals, groups, and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with leaf and snow removal. The list will be maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City will also maintain a list of individuals and companies that perform those services for a fee. "We know there are many older or disabled residents who are unable to rake leaves or shovel their walks," says Greg Horn, Centerville city manager. Some residents can afford to pay for the service, but often do not know whom they can call. Others may not be able to afford the service, especially if it is an unusually bad winter."

Once residents receive the resource information from the City, it is their responsibility to contact someone from the list and make the necessary arrangements.

Any group or individual interested in volunteering or listing a business for this service, or would like to receive the resource list information, should call the City of Centerville, 433-7151.

LIGHT UP YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Start untangling your Christmas lights! The City Beautiful Commission sponsors a Holiday Lighting contest each year to recognize those homes showcasing spectacular lighting, display and other festive decorations that enhance the property. Judging takes place December 1–9. To nominate a display, call 433-7151.

Annual events set to kick off holiday season



Holiday Walk, Tree Lighting set for Nov. 24

Let the holidays begin! Downtown Centerville welcomes the season with the Hometown Holiday Walk, 1–5 p.m., Sunday, November 24, sponsored by the Heart of Centerville merchants and the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society. In support of the Salvation Army, this year's theme, Home for the Holidays, celebrates our community's giving spirit. Participants getting passports stamped by designated businesses have the opportunity to win a gift basket valued at more than \$1,000. Step back in time with visits to the Historical Society's Asahel Wright House, School Museum and Walton House Museum. Other events include children's activities, animal attractions, horse and carriage rides, visits with Santa, shopping, special discounts, food trucks and more. The RTA trolley will offer travel from the four corners of downtown. Hop aboard to get to your next destination and sing some Christmas carols.

Centerville's Tree Lighting Ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m., at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Enjoy the sounds of the season with musical entertainment from the Normandy Elementary School and the Centerville Community Band along with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Both of these community events are free. For more information, call the historical society, 291-2223, the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or visit heartofcenterville.com, centervilleohio.gov or respective Facebook pages.

Kalamán scholarship winners announced

The Dayton Foundation announced the winners of the 2013 Kalamán scholarships. Since 1999, the John P. Kalamán Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded \$191,000 to 40 students. The fund, established in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán, provides annual scholarships to Centerville and Washington Township students considering careers in criminal justice, law, political science, psychology, forensic psychology or social work. A separate scholarship is available for members of the Centerville Police Department and their families.

Winner of the Centerville/Washington Township resident scholarship is Zachary Parker. A recent Centerville High School graduate, he will study criminal justice at the University of Cincinnati. Michael Peacock received the Centerville Police Department and Families scholarship. Michael, a student at Ohio University majoring in psychology, is the daughter of Police Officer Donna Peacock. For application information, contact the Dayton Foundation, 225-9955 or daytonfoundation.org.



Zachary Parker



Michael Peacock

Local veterans to be honored

Nov. 11 dedication of Veterans Memorial enhancement part of ceremony

In commemoration of Veterans Day, the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550 are saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom. A ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Monday, November 11, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 West Spring Valley Road.

During the program, the new addition to the Memorial will be dedicated. Five bronze medallions depicting various scenes of sacrifice and service during times of war and peace will have been installed along the brick plaza and reflecting pond. Each medallion pays tribute to a branch of the US Armed Forces: Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines, designed by Centerville resident Virginia Krause Hess, an internationally recognized artist.

The Veterans Memorial walkway includes bricks inscribed with names honoring veterans of all wars and those who served in the US Armed Forces. Bricks in honor of veterans or in support of the project may be purchased.

The service will include flag presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550 and the Washington Township Fire and Centerville Police departments' honor guards. In addition, there will be musical performances along with a presentation from Cub Scout Pack 148, and a reading of the Gettysburg Address. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov for more information.

The Washington-Centerville Library and the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society honor veterans with a series of programs. See box above. Events will be held at Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road. For more information on the programs, call 433-8091 or visit wclibrary.info.

PROGRAM SERIES

- ▶ **Veterans Exhibit: Nov. 9-11**, during open hours.
- ▶ **Veterans Day Open House and Reception: 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Nov. 11**, veterans are invited to view the exhibit and enjoy refreshments. A guest speaker from the Dayton National Cemetery is tentatively scheduled.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

OCTOBER 31

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door trick or treating 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31. The Centerville Police Department reminds residents of the following precautions:

DON'T

- Wear masks or any costume that interferes with vision or walking
- Eat any candy or other items until it has been examined by an adult
- Go into a home of someone you do not know

DO

- Carry a flashlight
- Go in groups with at least one adult
- Go to houses with the lights on
- Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping
- Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.



Some home maintenance reminders: have a clear path for visitors, trim low hanging branches, and move flowerpots or anything else that might cause someone to trip or fall.

Children may stop at any Centerville Police cruiser or Washington Township Fire truck for a special treat, courtesy of the Centerville Lions Club. For more information call Centerville City Offices, 433-7151.

Signature fence at Benham's Grove replaced



The signature fence at Benham's Grove was recently replaced. Willhoite & Sons, Inc. Fence Service installed 700 feet of new fencing along the community gathering place's property at 166 N. Main Street. The new fence is made with Number One Grade Western Red Cedar with steel-reinforced posts. This project is part of the 2013 Capital Improvement Program.

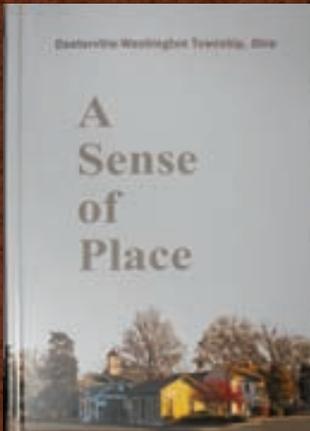
Historical Society membership has privileges

Learn more about our community's rich history from the experts. Join the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society. Membership includes advance ticket purchases for special events, monthly newsletters and monthly speaker series and start as low as \$25. For information, stop by the Historical Society, 89 W. Franklin St., call 433-0123 or visit centervilleohio.gov and click on links.

Historical Society sets fall events

Spend some time learning more about local history courtesy of the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society.

Pick up the new edition of the local history book, **A Sense of Place**, now available at all three Society locations. New visuals, color photography and updated information are a few additions that make this book spectacular and a treasured keepsake for any collection.



Walk two local cemeteries to learn about our area's early settlers and their history by participating in the **Cemeteries are Books: Adult Cemetery Tour event**. An added bonus, learn ways to share that information with your children and grandchildren. Tour Sugarcreek Cemetery (Old Centerville Cemetery) and Centerville Cemetery, 6-8 p.m., September 10. Register by calling 291-2223.

Attend **Pioneer Women: The Women who Shaped Centerville**. Sponsored by CWTWS and Centerville-Washington Township Park District, find out about the influential women who have helped build our community, 6:30-8 p.m., September 26 at Grant Nature Nook. Register by calling 433-5155.

Go to the **Monthly Speaker Series at Hithergreen Center**, 5900 Hithergreen Drive, with reception at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. No registration required.

► **October 15: 1913 Dayton Flood** presented by Nancy Horlacker, local history specialist from the Dayton Metro Library.

► **November 19: Honor Flights** presented by Bill Nicholas. The mission of Honor Flights is to transport America's veterans to Washington D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.

Stroll historic downtown Centerville at the annual **Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, November 24**. Tour the Asahel Wright House, School Museum and Walton House Museum. The Historical Society also offers horse and carriage rides throughout the day.

All programs are free and open to the public. For additional information contact Amy Goldman, 291-2223 or amycwths@sbcglobal.net.

Winning photos to be on exhibit

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library teamed up in August to host the fifth annual Beyond Point & Shoot digital photo contest. Photographs were entered in four subject categories: People, Place or Travel, Local Landmark (within Centerville or Washington Township), Nature, and Black & White or Artistic, with two age groups: Youth (13 to 17) and Adult (18 and older).

Photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze, and Ed Ponikwia judged all submitted photos based on the following criteria: use of lighting, use of color or contrast, visual impact, and use of exposure/focus. The public can weigh in on its favorite photo by voting for People's Choice at wclibrary.info/photocontest, September 11-17.

A winner's reception is set for 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, October 27 at the Centerville Police Department Art Gallery, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Each winning photo, including People's Choice, will be framed and displayed on the walls of the gallery, and runner-up photos will be matted and placed in the gallery's display case. Gary Kunze of Creation Source Images will frame and matte the photos, which will be given as prizes to the winning photographers.

The winning photographs will be exhibited in the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department October 27 through December 31. The Art Gallery is open 24 hours a day and exhibits may be viewed at any time. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Program to celebrate diversity through music and song

Local residents will share their family stories through music during the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council program, Voices and Stories, 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21 at Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 E.



Franklin St. This family-friendly program will celebrate the diversity of our community as reflected in the art we perform and enjoy. To view last year's Voices and Stories program visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/CWDC-2012-V-S>. To learn more about or volunteer with the CWDC visit: <http://tinyurl.com/CWDC-Facebook>.



Abundance of delicious foods at Farmers Market

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, 2:30-6:30 p.m., each Thursday through the end of October. Located near the intersection of St.

Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, farmstead cheese, bedding plants, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, artisan breads, honey, chocolates, oils and spices, soaps, dog treats and more. Sign up at centervillefarmersmarket.com to receive emails about the market and visit the Facebook page for updates.



Centerville Art Gallery features Gary Kunze

The Centerville Arts Commission hosts an exhibit by photographer Gary Kunze in the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The exhibit will be available for viewing through the end of September.

Kunze was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2004. Surgery in 2010 has alleviated most symptoms, and he has since dedicated his time to shoot photos for ministries and non-profit organizations in southwest Ohio. Many of his photos feature nature, landscapes and people. For the past several years he has served as a judge for the Beyond Point and Shoot photo contest, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission and Centerville Library. (See photography contest story page 8.) More of his work is available at creationsourceimages.com.

The Centerville Art Gallery is staffed 24 hours a day and exhibits may be viewed at any time. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Exhibits are rotated monthly and coordinated through the Centerville Arts Commission.



It's a dog party! A big dog party!

Bring your pooch to Paws in the Park, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Friday, September 20 at the Dog Park at Oak Grove Park on Social Row Road. Co-sponsored by Centerville-Washington Park District and Washington-Centerville Public Library, the event includes contests, giveaways and demonstrations. Local vendors will show the latest in dog-related products and services. This event is free and open to the public. For more details visit cwpcd.org or wclibrary.info.

Note: For this event one side of the dog park will remain on-leash allowing children 7 and under within the fenced area. The other side will be off-leash and those 8–14 years must be accompanied by an adult.



A Garden of Earthly Delights

No one knew when the first shovel of dirt was turned over almost 20 years ago that three flourishing gardens would be created at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive. Just like its gardens, the center has evolved over the years so that it now offers over 125 annual activities to enrich the lives of older adults and help them continue growing and thriving. Whether it's an educational class, exercise program, health seminar or social gathering, Hithergreen members are doing those things that contribute to longer, happier and healthier lives. And, just like its gardens, each season at the center brings a new cycle of life. This fall that includes a contemporary issues course, grave robbers seminar, and hypertufa pot demonstration sprouting up alongside the center's regular programming and annual Spaghetti Dinner on September 27 and Wellness Festival on October 2. If you are of the age and the inclination why not plant yourself where you can bloom... at Hithergreen Center. Call 435-2415 or visit Hithergreen.org.

Library to host book sale

Get great bargains on children's books, CD books, hardbacks, paperbacks, movies, CDs and more at the Friends of Washington-Centerville Public Library book sale, October 10-12 at the Centerville Library, 111 West Spring Valley Road. All proceeds benefit Friends of WCPL.

- ▶ **Thursday, Oct. 10, 5–9 p.m. (Friends Members Only*)**
- ▶ **Friday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.**
- ▶ **Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (\$5 bag sale all day)**

**Memberships may be purchased at the door to gain entry.*

Benham's Grove is perfect choice for fall events

Fall is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove. While summer is coming to an end, good weather typically continues through October, and the grounds of Benham's Grove are vibrant with fall colors. A number of weekdays and a few Fridays and Sundays are still available for weddings, receptions, meetings, company picnics as well as birthday, anniversary and Halloween parties! For more information or to schedule a tour of Benham's Grove, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.

YANKEE GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Gift cards may be redeemed for golf lessons, green fees, golf merchandise and food and beverages and make for the perfect gift for any occasion. Stop by the Golf Shop or save time and order a Yankee Trace gift card online at yankeetrace.org.

Fall into some great golf at Yankee Trace

Improve your game

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, named "Best Golf Course in Dayton" by Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal readers, is open seven days a week. Visit the Golf Shop, 10000 Yankee Street, call 438-GOLF or visit yankeetrace.org for information about leagues, outings, rates, lessons and the latest in golf merchandise.

If your game didn't meet your expectations this season, don't give up—get better. We're offering private golf lessons at off-season prices from a PGA or LPGA Golf Professional.

4 LESSONS FOR \$140

Lessons are in the indoor driving range during inclement weather or outdoors, weather permitting. Video analysis is provided at no additional cost. Junior specials are also available throughout the fall and winter. Call 438-GOLF (4653) to schedule your game improvement lesson. A great gift, this offer expires November 30, 2013.

OFF-SEASON PRACTICE FACILITY

One of the best times to work on your swing is after the golf season is just a blurred memory. The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is the only golf course in the area with an indoor driving range. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week and offering five hitting stations, you can work on creating better form and improve ball striking while all of your friends are hibernating for the winter. All Day Rate - \$7; Monthly Rate - \$45 (Thirty Consecutive Days); Entire Off-Season Rate - \$85 (December 1 - March 31)

Seasonal Rates

Green fees are seasonal, for current rates visit yankeetrace.org. Reservations may be made seven days in advance by calling the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF, or ten days in advance online, yankeetrace.org.

Don't let the golf season pass by without playing in one of our open golf outings. Sign up as a single, twosome, threesome or foursome. Call the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF, or visit yankeetrace.org to register.

YANKEE CUP

Similar format as the Ryder Cup. Two-person teams. Holes #1-6 (Best Ball), Holes #7-12 (Alternate Shot), Holes #13-18 (Scramble)

Friday, September 20, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

18-Holes, Golf Car, Range Balls, Drink Ticket, Fish Fry and Awards
Optional Skins Game

\$65. Registration Deadline: Monday, September 16

YANKEE CHILI OPEN

Brave the chilly weather and then warm up with our Yankee Chili Dinner. Four person Scramble.

Friday, October 25, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

18-Holes, Golf Car, Range Balls, Drink Ticket, Chili Dinner and Awards
Optional Skins Game

\$45. Registration Deadline: Monday, October 21

YANKEE TURKEY SHOOT

Don't chicken out of this end-of-season event. Two person Scramble.

Friday, November 22, 12 p.m. Shotgun Start

18-Holes, Golf Car, Range Balls, Drink Ticket, Turkey Dinner and Awards
Optional Skins Game

\$45. Registration Deadline: Monday, November 18

YANKEE HOLIDAY PUTTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Indoor Putting Contest and Holiday Dinner - Bring the Entire Family

Friday, December 20, 5 p.m. Shotgun Start

Individual Stroke Play

Putting Contest, Merchandise Specials, Dinner and Awards

\$45. Registration Deadline: Monday, December 12

KEEP DRAINS CLEAR

It's good for the environment and it's the law

Given this summer's hot and rainy weather, it's important to stay vigilant about properly maintaining creeks, streams and ditches that may flow through your property. Nothing—grass clippings, yard debris, paint, oil or anything else—should ever be dumped in an open drainage way or in a storm sewer. Laws prohibit this and violators may be prosecuted. The Ohio EPA has established guidelines regarding illegal dumping in storm water drainage systems. More information is available on the Ohio EPA website, epa.state.oh.us or the City's website, centervilleohio.gov.

Questions regarding Ohio EPA regulations, individual drainage concerns, or to report illegal dumping may be directed to Public Works at publicworks@centervilleohio.gov or by calling 428-4782.

Street repair program wraps up

The annual street program is well underway with completion of much of the asphalt paving work completed by press time. A second project that includes concrete repair work to replace deteriorated curb sections, catch basins, and broken sidewalk panels is underway in preparation for future asphalt resurfacing on these streets. Residents along the newly repaired streets are asked to help care for the newly planted grass and, in the future, avoid planting trees too close to the sidewalk, as roots grow and can create trip hazards.

The long-awaited repair and resurfacing project on East Spring Valley Road (from South Main to Atchison following Montgomery County's water main replacement project) is complete. Ohio Public Works grant funding was received for the resurfacing project.

For more information regarding these improvement projects, contact Public Works, 428-4782.



Help increase recycling numbers

Make it a goal to increase the amount of recycling items you put out each week. Many household items are made from recycled materials and many more items are now able to be recycled. Place your items in a container and label it with the orange recycling sticker available at the Public Works Center and Municipal Offices. Rinse all containers and remove caps and lids from recyclable items. No lids of any kind are accepted. There's no additional charge for recycling, and just a little more effort to have two containers.

Here's a list of items the Centerville trucks will pick up for recycling:

- ▶ Glass bottles and jars
 - ▶ Plastics: containers with the recycle logo and the number 1, 2 or 6 on the bottom
 - ▶ Gable-top cartons, drink and juice boxes
 - ▶ Newspapers and magazines
 - ▶ Cardboard
- For a complete list visit centervilleohio.gov or call 428-4782.

GET YOUR YARD READY FOR FALL

The City Beautiful Commission offers these tips for winterizing your landscape:

- Place raked leaves around trees and beds to breakdown as compost
- Put leaves in vegetable gardens to breakdown over the winter so they can be worked into the garden next spring
- Cut decorative grasses to almost ground level
- Spread mulch over area to protect the grass's root system during cold weather
- Make compost with leaves and grass clippings to enrich your soil over time
- Mound mulch around the base of roses to protect their delicate root systems (Cut roses back in the spring.)

For more tips visit the 'Yard and Garden' tab at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/>

Catch basins rebuilt by City crews

In the City's continuing effort to save money while still providing excellent services, Public Works undertook a project that had previously been completed by outside contractors. Over the summer approximately 25 deteriorated catch basins were repaired or rebuilt by Public Works crews.

Following evaluation by the City's Engineering group, Public Works Inspector C.J. Thrower held classroom sessions to review good construction practices and applicable standards of work in reconstructing the catch basins. Then the crew, including Group Leader Bill Pennington, David Watts, David Laird, Dan Doherty and seasonal employee Eric Bartel, went to work tearing out and reconstructing the catch basins. Catch basins are used to collect storm water runoff and direct it into storm sewers.





Officer Joshua Ratliff

Ratliff joins Police Department

The Centerville Police Department welcomed Officer Joshua Ratliff to its ranks. Officer Ratliff served as a cadet in the Department before being sworn in as an officer in February. Following completion of 18 weeks of required training with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy, Officer Ratliff continues to train on road patrol with the Centerville Police Department.



Police Sergeant Scott Owsley

Sergeant receives Kalamán Award

Centerville Police Sgt. Scott Owsley was the 2013 recipient of the John P. Kalamán Respect for Law Award from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club. Named in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán, Sgt. Owsley is a 26-year veteran of the Department.

Promoted to Sergeant in 1990, he has served in a variety of capacities including road patrol and Staff Sergeant. As Staff Sergeant, he has directed major projects including the transition to a new police cruiser model, the selection of a new mobile data terminal and the in-car reporting system. Sgt. Owsley participates in several department and City committees.



GUIDELINES HELPFUL FOR HOME SAFETY

Opened windows and doors, bikes in the yard and unlocked cars are all signs of summer. As we welcome cooler weather, get in the habit of following these safety tips from the Centerville Police Department:

- ▶ Keep your garage door closed. Police often investigate complaints about golf clubs, gardening tools and beer being stolen from the garage.
- ▶ Secure side doors and windows leading into your garage.
- ▶ Lock the door leading from your garage into your home.
- ▶ Park locked vehicles near the garage door and close to illumination.
- ▶ Take car keys with you—don't leave them in the ignition.
- ▶ Check behind your vehicle before backing out of the garage or driveway.
- ▶ Inspect the backseat—make sure all children are safely out of the car.
- ▶ Return bicycles, tools and other items to the garage. Don't leave them in the yard.
- ▶ Schools are open—watch for children.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS SAFETY TIPS

DON'T...

- ▶ **Overload circuits and extension cords.** Appliances and space heaters should be plugged directly into the outlet.
- ▶ **Walk away from food cooking on your kitchen stove.** If you must leave the kitchen, even for a moment, turn off the stove and remove the pot from the burner.
- ▶ **Put fireplace ashes in a paper or plastic bag or box.** Instead, store them in a heavy duty metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Put the can outside and away from any structure, including your deck or porch. Let ashes cool for at least four days. Cool ashes can be spread in your gardens to help plants grow.

DO...

- ▶ **Keep fire hydrants near your home clear of snow, leaves, and other obstacles so they can be easily located.**
- ▶ **Check your smoke detectors monthly.** Only a working smoke detector can save your life.
- ▶ **Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year.** When you change your clocks for Daylight Savings, change your batteries.
- ▶ **Replace smoke detectors more than 10 years old with a photoelectric or a dual-sensor model.**
- ▶ **Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and in sleeping areas.** Sleep with your bedroom door closed.
- ▶ **Develop an escape plan with your family.** At least twice a year, have an escape drill, including a nighttime drill. If your home has two levels, consider an escape ladder.
- ▶ **Install a carbon monoxide detector if you have any appliances or devices that have a flame—stove, water heater, furnace, fireplace, etc.** Follow the manufacturer's use and installation recommendations.
- ▶ **Remember that emergency sirens are designed to alert you when you are OUTSIDE.** For inside your home, consider an emergency alert weather radio.



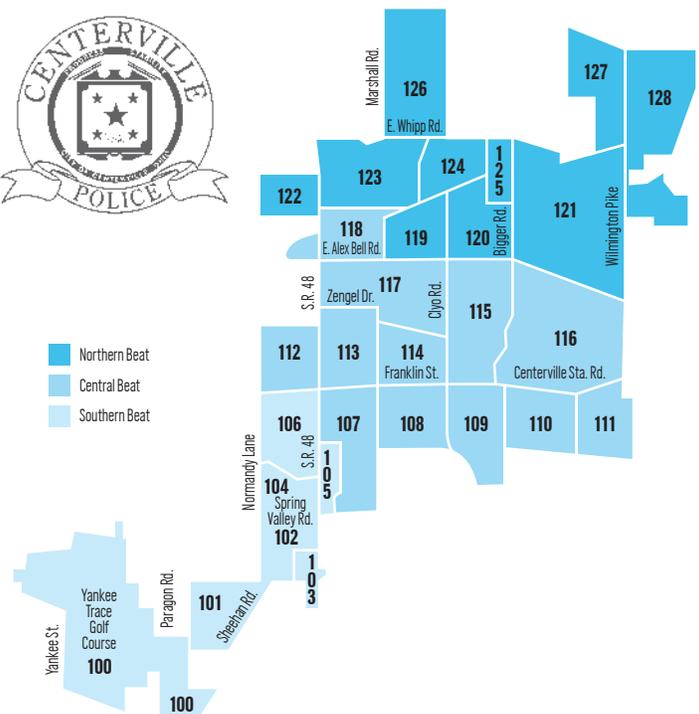
For more information about safety checks and fire services, call the Washington Township Fire Department at 433-3083 or visit washingtontwp.org

AREA	ROBBERIES			RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			BREAKING & ENTERING			THEFT OF/FROM VEHICLES			OTHER PROPERTY THEFTS			CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/DAMAGE		
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101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-
104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	2	2	1	-	1	-
105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	3	-	3	1	-
106	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
107	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
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114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	5	1	-
115	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
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126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
127	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
128	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	9	1	5	21	22	18	22	31	8	19	10

RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES						
	RESIDENTIAL			BUSINESS		
	M	J	J	M	J	J
MONDAY-THURSDAY	1	2	1	2	8	-
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	1	1	1	-	1	1
UNDETERMINED	-	-	-	-	1	-
6 AM-6 PM	2	1	1	2	3	-
6 PM-6 AM	-	2	1	-	-	-
UNDETERMINED	-	-	-	-	7	1
FORCED	1	-	-	2	3	-
SHATTERED	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNLOCKED	-	1	2	-	7	-
KEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRIED	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUT LOCK	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDETERMINED	1	1	-	-	-	-
OPEN	-	1	-	-	-	-
ATTEMPT	-	-	-	-	-	1
DOOR	2	1	1	2	2	1
WINDOW	-	-	-	-	-	-
GARAGE	-	2	1	-	1	-
UNDETERMINED	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	7	-

Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: May-July 2013



Police officers from Centerville, along with other local and state agencies, took part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Participants ran 11 miles from Centerville to downtown Dayton.

May 20, 2013

Mayor Kingseed welcomed President Rick Valencia, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to present the invocation.

Winners of the Farmers Market Poster Contest were announced. Coordinated by the Centerville Arts Commission, First place winner was Brayden Rike, whose design was selected to appear on promotional materials. Second place winner was Autumn Caldwell and third place honors went to Allison Fick. All recipients attend Tower Heights Middle School. Art teacher Ashleigh Cornell helped facilitate the contest.



Mayor Kingseed congratulates Farmers Market poster contest winners Autumn Caldwell and Allison Fick at the May Council meeting.

Youth groups from Centerville Community Church and The Gathering Church were recognized for the community service work during Love Your City Day. The youth group from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was thanked for its volunteer efforts throughout the City.

Council designated May 19–25, 2013 as Public Works Week in Centerville.

James Gallagher was reappointed by Council to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.

The Preliminary Development Plans for both Cornerstone North at 5300 Wilmington Pike and Cornerstone South along Clio Road east of Wilmington Pike were approved by Council.

Council voted 7-0 to rezone the 65 acres of land north of Social Row Road, west of Sheehan Road and east of Paragon Road from R-1c, Single Family Residential with a NR, Neighborhood Residential Overlay Zone Classification to R-1c with a Lifestyle Community Overlay Zone classification.

June 17, 2013

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Charles Woodward of Epiphany Lutheran Church to present the invocation.

Mayor Kingseed administered the Oath of Office to Jon Hazelton as a Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council member.

Serve your community

The City has openings on the following Council-appointed boards and commissions: Board of Architectural Review, City Beautiful Commission, Property Review Commission, Planning Commission, Arts Commission and Sister City Committee. For application information, contact Debbie James, 433-7151 or djames@centervilleohio.gov or visit centervilleohio.gov, click Departments, then Volunteer Opportunities.

Presentations:

Routsong Funeral Home, 81 N. Main Street, received the 2013 Board of Architectural Review Preservation Award. Tom Routsong, Sr. accepted the award.

Lisa Tucker of Bill's Donuts and Shari Kern, president of Blue Star Mothers talked about the supply drive for personal items to be donated to troops serving overseas. Bill's Donut's is a collection area.

Following Council's designation of July as Scleroderma Awareness Month in Centerville, members of the Dayton area support group spoke to Council about the disease and upcoming events in support of awareness.

Members of MorningStar Baptist Church, along with Gail Wise, outreach director, and Dr. Mark Simpson, pastor, were recognized for their cleanup efforts for the City.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission chair, recognized the June Summer Landscape Award winners. *See list on page 4.*

Council made the following reappointments: Richard Hoback to the Board of Architectural Review and Frank Masterson to the Personnel Appeals Board.

Council voted to table the ordinance repealing "Peddlers and Solicitors" and enacting new Chapter 836 "Peddlers, Vendors, Canvassers and Charitable Solicitations" to the August meeting.

July 15, 2013

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Kirk Lithander, Fairhaven Church, to present the invocation.

Council accepted the resignation of Louise Gaertner from the Sister City Committee. Mayor Kingseed thanked Ms. Gaertner for her service.

Deborah Jay and Tom Shultz presented an update on the Centerville-Washington Township Satellite Juvenile Court program.

Ken Moss, Think Tank Re-Entry Circles of Dayton coordinator, presented information about the program.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission chair recognized the July Summer Landscape Award winners. *See list on page 4.*

Council made the following reappointments: Carolyn Basford to the Sister City Committee; Paul Clark, Chairman of the Planning Commission; Dan Carfagno, Chairman of the Property Review Commission and Charles Graham, Chairman of the Board of Architectural Review.

The final Development Plan for Voss Chevrolet, Inc. project for an additional car lot on Loop Road was tabled until a special Council meeting on August 5.

James Kiefer of Great Traditions submitted the final record plan for development at Yankee Trace. Mr. Kiefer has represented Great Traditions during development at Yankee Trace for almost 20 years.



Mayor Kingseed, along with former mayor Shirley Heintz, at Benham's Grove 20th anniversary celebration.

Mayor's Message

from Mark Kingseed

before you realized that she had taken a position contrary to yours and had obtained a majority for her point of view. But even if the majority did not agree with you, no citizen or council member ever left a meeting which Shirley chaired without knowing they had a full and fair opportunity to present their viewpoint.

While Shirley is very nice, she is also very tough. Once Council decided on a certain path, she was never intimidated by difficulties but rather fought until she succeeded. For example, the first contractor building the Yankee Trace golf course went into bankruptcy, but Shirley did not get discouraged—she simply worked with Council to select another contractor and we pushed forward. The lawsuit against the Yankee Trace annexations went all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court, after the trial court and the court of appeals ruled against the City. Shirley never lost her poise or showed any unease, and eventually, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled in Centerville's favor. She dealt with the normal controversy which comes with the job of Mayor with calm and dignity. She always showed "grace under pressure", which is the mark of a true leader.

The best test of any public official's work is whether they leave their community better than they found it. Shirley Heintz, by that standard, was a remarkable leader. She made this wonderful City an even better place. It may be 30 years since her election, but citizens 100 years from now will still be enjoying the results of Shirley's leadership. That is a legacy of which anyone can be proud.

Thank you, Mayor Heintz!

Mark Kingseed

When I was young, I recall my mom and dad talking about how fast time went by. Now that I am not exactly a "spring chicken" myself, I am experiencing the same phenomenon.

The calendar does not lie, but frankly it is hard to believe it has been 30 years since Shirley Heintz was elected as Centerville's first "Madam Mayor." I was fortunate to join council in 1990, midway through the second of Shirley's three terms as Mayor. I experienced firsthand how much difference one person can make, and how much one strong leader with vision and drive can accomplish. So many of the amenities we all take for granted today are the direct result of Shirley's leadership.

Shirley led the strategic plan to annex land to build the golf course/housing complex which would become Yankee Trace. The golf course itself is a permanent gem of green space but even more importantly, Yankee Trace created housing opportunities for over 900 families in the City. The property tax generated by the development provides over \$7.5 million each year to support the City, schools, parks, library, Fire Department, Rec Center, Washington Township government and county government. None of this would have happened without Shirley's leadership.

Shirley was also a leader in purchasing and developing the Benham's Grove property—which has been a wonderful community asset and used for hundreds of weddings, graduation parties, social events and other public gatherings.

The expansion of Stubbs Park and the construction of the amphitheater were also led by Shirley. The weekly summer concerts are attended by thousands, and the park itself is certainly one of the best in our area. The numerous gazebos which grace our community and the ornamental lighting in the Architectural Preservation District were also the result of her desire to further beautify and enhance the City.

In addition to the tangible accomplishments, I can testify from my own experience that Shirley managed City Council with consummate skill, giving everyone a chance to fully articulate their positions but always working to build a consensus. She worked tirelessly and successfully to create a team which decided issues together and then stuck together no matter what obstacles later arose.

One of the first things everyone notices about Shirley is just how darn nice she is. Some of us on Council used to joke that she was so pleasant that you would be on your way home from a meeting



Shirley and Paul Heintz at an Americana concert at Stubbs Park. The couple attend the patriotic celebration every year.



Mayor Heintz, center, along with Centerville Council and staff, cut the ceremonial ribbon in 1994 to officially open the front nine at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.

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City Council.....8 p.m., third Monday monthly
Board of Architectural Review...7:30 p.m., first Tuesday monthly
City Planning Commission.....7:30 p.m., last Tuesday monthly
Centerville Arts Commission.....7 p.m., first Wednesday monthly
Boards of Tax & Personnel Appeals
& Property Review Commission..... At the call of the chairperson

Public Meetings at the Public Works Center

7970 S. Suburban Road
City Beautiful Commission.....7 p.m., first Tuesday monthly

Public Meetings at the Police Department

155 W. Spring Valley Road
Sister City Committee.....7 p.m., first Tuesday monthly

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City offices holiday schedule

Centerville City offices will close Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. Waste collection will be delayed one day that week. City offices and waste collection will maintain a regular schedule on Columbus Day, October 14.

City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving Day and the day after. Waste collection for the November 28 route will occur on November 29.

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